



NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Thursday, October 22, 2020

Township News

The Woodlands Township to Hold Board of Directors Meeting

The Woodlands Township will meet in person for the first time since March at the Township Townhall at 6 p.m. October 22, 2020. The meeting is located at 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas 77381. The Board had been meeting by videoconference since March, but now moving to the “in-person” meeting. The meeting can be viewed online via The Woodlands Township’s website: www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov. The Board has established comprehensive safety protocols in advance of the meeting.



Township Installs Wellness Checkpoints

The Woodlands Township has reopened several offices to the public and new temperature-screening kiosks have been installed in several Township facilities. Members of the public as well as employees will be required to be screened prior to entering. [Read the full press release](#) and [view video of Chairman Bunch](#) at The Woodlands Township Townhall wellness checkpoint.

County News

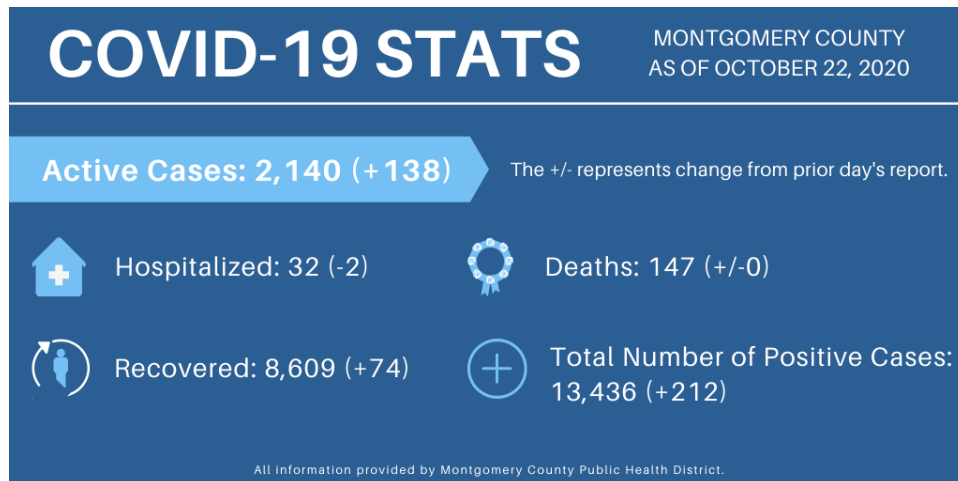
Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count October 22, 2020

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management can confirm the following update regarding COVID-19.

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 212 to 13,436 since yesterday’s (10/21) report. All cases were tested in the month of October.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 138 to 2,140 since yesterday’s (10/21) report.

- 32 residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 8,609 people have clinically recovered.

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. Antibody testing results are not included. Have questions? Please go to <https://mcphd-tx.org/> and scroll down to the FAQs.



You can find more information on the [SETRAC website](#).

Take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- If your children have started in-person school, teach them proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask. Encourage them to never share masks with others.
- Consider staying home unless it is necessary to leave your home.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask (if it is necessary to leave your home).
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website [here](#). You can refer to the dashboard [here](#).

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, [here](#). Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the [map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 1,317 confirmed positive cases with 105 active cases, and 77389 has 679 confirmed positive cases with 43 active cases.



COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department

As of Thursday, October 22, 2020, + or – signifies change since previous report.

Montgomery County

- 13,436- Confirmed +212 (All tested in October)
- 2,140 - Active Cases +138
- 147 - Deaths +2
- 8,609 - Recovered +74
- 32 - Hospitalized -2

Harris County

- 74,986 - Confirmed +355
- 3,965 - Active Cases +216
- 870 - Deaths +12
- 70,143 - Recovered +126



Get Tested for COVID-19

Montgomery County residents may sign up online for Free COVID-19 testing at <https://www.mchd-tx.org>. Call 936-523-3916 for more information.

Harris County residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at hcphtx.org. Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

State and National News



FBI Warns of Potential Charity Fraud Associated with COVID-19

Many Americans want to help during the COVID-19 pandemic by contributing to charities, but the FBI is warning that scammers also want to help—they want to help themselves to your money. Be careful about giving money to any charity calling you for donations and be wary if you get a call about a donation pledge that you don't remember making. [Read the full press release.](#)



Steps to Take During Halloween and Other Halloween Activities

Traditional Halloween activities are fun, but some can increase the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 or influenza. Take steps to protect yourself from getting or spreading COVID-19 such as, wearing a cloth mask, while indoors and outdoors, stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. [Read more from the CDC.](#)



The Federal Trade Commission Chairman is Not Writing to You

If you saw an email from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chairman Joseph Simons, it wasn't. From him, that is. Scammers pretending to be him are emailing, though. If you get an email from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission about getting money because of an inheritance or relief funds related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic — or anything else — do not respond. [Read the full article.](#)



It's a Good Time to Get Your Flu Vaccine

While the United States remains focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to also be aware of flu season as we approach winter. Flu viruses typically spread in fall and winter, with activity peaking between December and February. Getting vaccinated now can lower your chances of getting the flu.

Flu (influenza) is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. The flu vaccines approved by the FDA provide important benefits and are your best defense from flu and its potential complications. [Learn more from the FDA.](#)



Travel Confidently this Fall

A healthy and safe travel experience is a shared responsibility. When we all do our part, we can all #TravelConfidently. Join travel businesses across the industry and commit to doing your part to provide a safe travel experience. Watch a short [video on traveling safely](#) during the pandemic and learn more from the [U.S. Travel Association](#).

Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the [Community Resources webpage](#) to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19.



The Woodlands Family YMCAs to Host Blood Donor Coach

The Woodlands Family YMCAs will host the Blood Donor Coach October 23 and 30, 2020, at both locations, to help address the critical needs of blood supply for local hospitals. Free voucher for stack of pancakes from I-Hop and free Covid-19 antibody test with blood donation. Visit [Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center](#) for more information.

Friday, October 23, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- The Woodlands Family YMCA at Shadowbend, 6145 Shadowbend Place, The Woodlands, TX 77381. [Schedule your appointment.](#)
- The Woodlands Family YMCA at Branch Crossing, 8100 Ashlane Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382. [Schedule your appointment.](#)

Friday, October 30, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- The Woodlands Family YMCA at Shadowbend, 6145 Shadowbend Place, The Woodlands, TX 77381. [Schedule your appointment.](#)
- The Woodlands Family YMCA at Branch Crossing, 8100 Ashlane Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382. [Schedule your appointment.](#)



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER
Serving Montgomery County

Community Assistance Center Saturday Market

The Montgomery County Community Assistance Center, along with the Montgomery County Foodbank and Interfaith Community Clinic, will host a Saturday Market on October 31, 2020, beginning at 8 a.m. The market is located at 1022 McCall Ave. and includes free flu shots and groceries, while supplies last. For more information, please visit their [website](#).



Keep Up with Best Practices During the Pandemic at CDC.GOV

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 eNewsletter

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 (Coronavirus) informational eNewsletter will now be published every Tuesday and Thursday and as needed. [Manage your notifications and subscriptions.](#)



Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.

Stay Informed with The Woodlands Township

Sign up for news and alerts from the Township at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. During a weather-related event, additional information can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/emergency.

Other Halloween Activities

Hide Halloween treats in and around your house and hold a treat hunt with household members.

Hold an outdoor costume parade or contest so everyone can show off their costumes.

Host an outdoor Halloween movie night with friends or neighbors or an indoor movie night with your household members.

An illustration of a witch in a purple dress and hat holding a broom, and a Frankenstein monster in a white shirt and green pants. They are standing on a yellow oval background. Between them is a double-headed arrow with the text '6 feet apart'.

The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. This newsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday, or as needed.